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Dear Sir/Ms:

The undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for her helpful cooperation in answering various calls and in sending this Office Action.

This is in response to the above noted Office Action;

Applicants respectfully elect in favour of species 1. Claims 1 to 7, and 26 and 28 read on to the elected species.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications to the subject matter of the non elected claims.

Yours respectfully, **Ernest R. Bodnar** per:

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